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NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY COMMEMORATED WITH CHILD SAFETY FAIR

Las Vegas—In honor of National Missing Children's Day, the Nevada Attorney General and several other groups and law enforcement agencies will conduct a safety fair at the Adventuredome at the Circus-Circus Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas on Saturday, May 10th, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. National Missing Children's Day was first recognized on May 25, 1983, in honor of six-year old Etan Patz, who disappeared in New York City on his way to school in 1978.

"One of the most tragic situations that any parent can face is the disappearance of a child, no matter what the circumstances," said Attorney General Sandoval. "The reason for the fair is threefold: to help families to be better prepared; to educate kids and parents; and to help prevent the catastrophic heartbreak that a family goes through when a child is abducted or missing."

The Nevada Missing Children's Clearinghouse will provide free child identification packets that include fingerprint cards, a list of emergency and resource numbers. Thanks to the generosity of Circus-Circus, each child will be provided with a picture for their safety packet. In addition to information on keeping your child safe from abductions, almost 40 law enforcement agencies and non-profit organizations will be on hand to distribute child safety information and be available to answer your questions on important issues like violence free schools, bullying prevention, runaway prevention, child abuse prevention, drug and alcohol awareness, and more.

Attorney General Brian Sandoval will be available for press interviews and discussions at 12:00 noon.

The State Legislature created the Nevada Missing Children Clearinghouse in 1991 in response to the staggering number of children reported missing in the United States each year. In 2002 alone, the Nevada Missing Children Clearinghouse received over 7,500 reported cases

of a missing child, including cases of family abductions, parental abductions, runaways and non-family abductions. The Nevada Missing Children Clearinghouse works in tandem with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Nevada and the country.

Anyone having information regarding a missing child should contact local authorities or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST. For more information on Nevada's Missing Children Clearinghouse, visit the Attorney General's website at <http://ag.state.nv.us>, or call (702) 486-3539. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children can be found at www.missingkids.com.

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